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Spiritual & Scenic Chardham Yatra

In addition to several uniqueness's, India is also well renowned for religious tourism, primarily because of the rich experiences it offers to those who seek spirituality. The pious culture attracts millions of tourists of various beliefs and religions.

Among many pilgrimages, Char Dham Yatra in the state of Uttarakhand, is one of the most popular expeditions. Placed in the lap of serene Himalayas, the four sacred abodes namely Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath, are collectively referred to as 'Char Dham', the Holy Pilgrimage.

Even before the advent of religious tourism, the Char Dham Yatra has always been a Holy Grail of pilgrimages for devotees from all over the world, who have been visiting these sacred shrines to seek blessings from the divine.

In the recent past, it has become an important destination for pilgrims from all over South Asian region and from several communities. Each year, over hundreds of thousands of visitors visit these shrines.

The Char Dham Tour is not only a once in a lifetime spiritual experience, but also a mesmerising escapade of picturesque landscapes. The snow-capped mountains, deodar forests and scenic valleys make this an awe-inspiring and never to be missed journey. The stunning sights make this excursion, a heavenly experience.

It is often perceived that the Char Dham yatra is only meant for the old aged people, however, in addition to the spiritual experience, this journey leads to an enthralling and fascinating adventure which captivates people of all ages.

Significance of Char Dham Yatra in Hinduism

Often regarded as the 'Gateway to Salvation', the Char Dham pilgrimage tour is a journey which must be embarked on. According to the Hindu mythology, Char Dham unveils a path to salvation by emancipating people's sins. It is believed that this journey must be undertaken at least once in a lifetime as visiting these four shrines implies a freedom from reincarnation.

All four of these holy sites have their own significance and are devoted to a specific deity.

As per the Hindu tradition of parikrama, the tour to the four holy pilgrimages is initiated from left to right. Pilgrimage to Chardham yatra begins from Yamunotri, the origin of Yamuna river and the Goddess Yamuna. Next up is Gangotri which is dedicated to the Goddess Ganga and is the source of the Ganges, and then further moves to Kedarnath temple which signifies one of the 12 'Jyotirlingas' of Lord Shiva and finally concludes at Badrinath temple which is devoted to Lord Vishnu, and is sited on the bank of Alaknanda river. Post completion of the Char Dham pilgrimage tour, the pilgrim achieves an absolute tranquillity.

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Best Time to Visit Char Dham

The most appropriate time to embark on this journey is during the months from May to October. The four holy sites located in the Garhwal region of the State of Uttarakhand witness heavy snowfall during winters. The easiest and most convenient option to undertake this journey is to visit Chardham by helicopter.

Char Dham Yatra Itinerary :-

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Day 01: Arrival in Dehradun

Our services commence with Pick up from Dehradun Airport or Railway station on the previous day from the Chardham Yatra departure. Then drop to the hotel and overnight stay. This is a complimentary stay and pick up for 1 night in Dehradun.

Day 02: Dehradun to Yamunotri

Start your morning with a healthy breakfast, store the extra luggage at the hotel and then you will be transferred to the Sahastradhara helipad, Dehradun which is the starting and concluding point of this Tirth Yatra. The ground staff briefs you about the Do's and Don'ts that ought to be kept in mind while on the trip. Then, you depart for Barkot Helipad (As Yamunotri Helipad Non-Operational & Unfit).

On arrival at Barkot, you are transferred to Yamunotri Cottages, Kharsali by local cab (Innova not permitted by local taxi union). After freshening up, have your lunch and you will get your pony or palki reserved for onwards trek (05KM) to Yamunotri Dham, this temple is the first site of the Chota Char Dham shrines. Yamunotri is built near the geographical origins of River Yamuna near the Bandarpoonch Parvat. While River Yamuna emerges from Champasar Glacier, the temple is located 1 km below it. The black marble idol of the Goddess worshipped in this temple built by Maharaja Pratap Shah of Tehri Garhwal is beautiful to behold. Other than the temple itself, the sacred hot-water springs at Janki Chatti attract considerable pilgrim attention. Later, return to the hotel for dinner and have a comfortable stay at night.

Day 03: Yamunotri to Gangotri

Early morning departure to Barkot in order to be on right time at the helipad, then fly to Harsil Helipad, lying amidst the beautiful lush

Uttarakhand valleys. Breakfast shall either be arranged at Barkot or Harshil helipad depending upon the time.

On reaching Harsil, you will be transferred to the hotel by cab. After freshening up, have your lunch and then drive towards your next Chardham destination of Uttarakhand- Gangotri. Visit the Gangotri Dham, the 18th century's temple dedicated to Goddess Ganga is located near a sacred stone where King Bhagirathi worshipped Lord Shiva. Ganga is believed to have touched earth at this spot. Later, return to the hotel by evening after Darshan for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 04: Gangotri to Kedarnath

Early morning after breakfast, depart from Harsil helipad. Due to government regulation, you have to change chopper at Phata helipad to continue to Kedarnath. Deboard and board the new helicopter awaiting for your further journey. Arrive at Kedarnath helipad

Surrounded by snowcapped peaks, Kedarnath is the most remote site among all Char Dhams in Uttarakhand. The Kedarnath temple, the holy shrine of Lord Shiva houses one of the 12 Jyotirlingas in India. The temple lies at a distance of approximately 500m from the helipad and reaching it would take about 15 minutes.

Walk till Hotel (Cost towards porter or Pitthu shall be borne by the client) and then check-in at the hotel. After having lunch, proceed for a trek by foot to Bhairon Mandir (which is optional) and witness evening aarti. Then, back to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 05: Kedarnath to Badrinath:

Early morning at 4:00 am, perform "Rudra Abhishek" at Kedarnath. After having breakfast, walk to helipad or board shuttle and fly to Phata helipad for a change of helicopter. Board the new helicopter to reach Badrinath helipad. Deboard at Badrinath helipad, after which you will be transferred to the hotel by cab. Complete your check-in formalities at the hotel, have lunch and get ready to visit the Badrinath temple. The holy temple of Lord Vishnu, known as Lord Badri here is one of the divine 108 Divya Desams. Take blessings of the Lord.

And if time permits, move on for a visit to the Mana village, close to Badrinath temple, the last village before Indo-China border, inhabited by an Indo-Mongolian tribe. Later, return back to the hotel for a dinner and overnight stay.

Day 06: Badrinath to Dehradun

We have saved the best for the last. The highlight of this Tirth Yatra is your being able to witness the sacred "Maha Abhishek Pooja" which commences at 4:30 AM sharp in the early morning and continues for almost

2hrs. Special arrangements have been made for you to sit inside the temple close to the deity himself. End the trip with your heart filled with gratitude and awe for all of God's blessings in your life.

After having breakfast, depart towards Dehradun helipad from the Badrinath helipad. An hour-long helicopter ride would fetch you to Sahastradhara helipad, Dehradun. Later, drop to Dehradun airport/railway station. The tour ends.

INCLUSIONS:

- Helicopter trip starts from Dehradun
- Includes stay & meals for 4 Nights / 5 Days + Complimentary 1 Night stay only in Dehradun
- Rudra Abhishek at Kedarnath
- Comfortable car service along with experienced car driver for all local transport and sightseeing of the nearby holy places
- VIP Darshan at all Four Dhams i.e. Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath, and Badrinath
- Exclusive Maha Abhishek Puja at Badrinath
- Palki / Pony at Yamunotri
- Inclusive of All Applicable Taxes / GST

Guidelines for Passengers:-

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- **Carrying of AADHAR CARD is must for all Indians whereas passport is required in case for foreign national.**
- All the hotels at Chardham Sector are non-star category but we provide the best option available & the food served is pure vegetarian. Hotels are subject to sudden changes due to unavoidable circumstances.
- **Intending passengers should make prior arrangements to reach the helipad at least 1 hour before the scheduled departure since many formalities have to be completed before the actual departure.**
- All temples in Chardham sector are located at high altitude & passengers are advised to carry their own medication.
- **Maximum 5 kg luggage per passenger will be permitted to carry & we shall provide the duffel bag upon arrival at Dehradun. Excess baggage is to be stored at the hotel before proceeding to the helipad, which can be collected later after completion of the tour.**
- At these locations, it becomes very cold in the evening, so passengers are advised to carry woolen clothes along with them.
- **Weighing at the time of boarding the helicopter is must since the pilot will not allow boarding in case it exceeds the weight conveyed at the time of booking & we reserve the right to shuffle passengers to manage the right weight of helicopters for safe flying in the hills.**
- If you have kids accompanying you who are over 2 years of age, then you will be required to take a full ticket and a birth certificate will also be required during the time of ticket booking.
- **No concession or any sort of provisions for children or senior citizens.**

FAQ for Chardham Yatra by Helicopter:-

1. What is Chardham Yatra?
Chardham Yatra in Uttarakhand is a holy Hindu pilgrimage for char (four) revered sites in Garhwal Himalayas. These religious spots include Yamunotri- the holy source of river Yamuna, Gangotri- the source of the holy River Ganges, Kedarnath- the abode of Lord Shiva, and Badrinath- housing the shrine dedicated to Lord Vishnu.

2. When does Chardham Yatra start and end?
Every year Chardham Yatra begins from the month of April or May onwards and continues until October/November as the doors of all four temples (Badrinath, Kedarnath, Yamunotri & Gangotri) remain open till the day of "Diwali Festival" which is celebrated every year during the month of October/November.

3. What are the darshan timings for Chardham Temples?
When you're going to Chardham Yatra, you must know about the Chardham temple timings as it can not only help in saving your time but also make the Chardham Yatra hassle-free. Chardham Yatra timings are mentioned below:

Yamunotri Temple Timings: 06:00 am – 08:00 pm

Gangotri Temple Timings: 06:15 am – 09:30 pm

Kedarnath Temple Timings: 04:00 am – 09:00 pm

Badrinath Temple Timings: 04:30 am – 09:00 pm

4. What to pack for Chardham tour?
All the four sacred temples are situated at high Himalayan altitude so weather remains cold even during the months of May-June. It is advisable to pack woolen clothes and comfortable walking shoes. Raincoat is must as climate can change at any time. First-aid kid also should be carried.

5. What is the best time to go for Char Dham Yatra?
The best time to visit all the four revered pilgrimages from May to November, however, it is better you avoid monsoon and choose May and June instead. It is the most convenient period that allows you to reach your destination easily and offers better sightseeing options. So, plan your trip accordingly as weather plays a vital role in making your trip hassle-free.

6. What are the types of accommodation available on the Char Dham route?
Hotels, dharamshalas, camps, resorts, ashrams, and lodge type of accommodation facility with all the basic necessities available on Char Dham route.

7. Is medical certificate required for Char Dham Yatra?
Yes, a recently issued medical certificate is required for Char Dham Yatra as the route is through high altitudes and a lot of walking distance.

8. How many people can fly in the helicopter excluding the pilot?
Six passengers can fly in the helicopter; four in the rear seats and two in the front, next to the pilot. The seating arrangement will be done by the ground staff in order to balance weight evenly.

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